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Comments: Restoration forestry must take place with an abundance of public input and oversight in order to allow trust that this is not just a disguised clearcut operation. My biggest concern with the project is how oversight and monitoring of the contracting company will take place. How can you ensure that the boundaries are followed? How can you ensure that other trees are not being damaged by equipment? Who is selecting which trees are removed? Will a biologist ALWAYS be present on site as logging goes on to make decisions? I strongly believe an EIS must be conducted for a project of this scope.

1783 acres of non-commercial thinning: This block is the area (of purported second growth) which will be thinned for the alleged purpose of creating increased structural diversity thereby creating habitat, the opportunity for increased species diversity, and amore resilient forest as we enter in the era of climate change (All good things we should encourage in second growth). My question is how are you planning to minimize off target /counterproductive disturbance? Will this work be done by saw operators on foot?

1798 acres of commercial thinning: What is the mechanism of harvest, (i.e. how heavy and how wide are the machines brought in for the harvesting, how many temporary spur roads/and or drag lines are created, who are the contractors brought in to do the job), and the intensity of harvest (how many trees are cut/left per acre)? I would hope you would contract with a green labeled timber company and provide rigorous oversight.

Road connection: The issues here is that you would be building a road through one of the areas designated in this plan for commercial thinning. In my opinion there are real questions the EIS must address regarding if this connection is necessary, desirable, or even acceptable under current MAs rules but I don't know the specifics without doing the research.

I would like to see a public question and answer session, on Zoom or some other format, where we can ask questions and learn more about the long term plan for this section of forest. What is the restoration goal for the next 100 years? How will this project contribute to the development of old growth forest?